

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving a bid command from a trader to buy an item;
generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for an offer
to sell the item based on at least one of a price and a size for a bid to buy the item and
a pre-set spread amount;
receiving the bid to buy the item; and
receiving an offer to sell the item based on the generated at least one of
a price and a size for the offer.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying current bid and offer data associated with the item, wherein
receiving the bid command comprises receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and
offer data displayed.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid
and offer data comprises a bid price for the item, wherein receiving a selection of a
price of the bid and offer data comprises receiving a selection of the bid command is
received when the trader selects the bid price for the item.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the current bid
and offer data is displayed in a screen display selected from the group consisting of a
market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.
- 6-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the bid to buy
the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the offer is generated
automatically based at least on the price specified with the bid.

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically displaying an interface screen in response to receiving of the bid command, the interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying a term of the offer to sell the item, the at least one field populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the offer automatically.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer to be positioned over a button in an interface screen corresponding to the bid command.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 12, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned over a bid button in the interface screen.

14. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
displaying current bid and offer data in a first interface screen;
receiving a bid command from a trader to buy an item via [[a]] the first interface screen with a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed;
generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for an offer to sell the item based on at least one of a price and a size for a bid to buy the item and a pre-set spread amount; and
presenting a second interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item populated with the selected piece of the bid and offer data and at least one field for specifying at least one term of the offer to sell the item populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the offer automatically.

15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[15]] 14, wherein the current bid and offer data comprises a bid price for the item, wherein receiving a

~~selection of a price of the bid and offer data comprises receiving a selection of the bid command is received when the trader selects~~ the bid price for the item.

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[15]] 14, wherein the first trading command entry interface is a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

19-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the bid to buy the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the offer is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the bid.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[24]] 14, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with ~~the~~ a selected bid price.

26-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving an offer command from a trader to sell an item;
generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for a bid to buy the item based on at least one of a price and a size for an offer to sell the item and a pre-set spread amount;
receiving the offer to sell the item; and
receiving a bid to buy the item based on the generated at least one of a price and a size for the bid.

31. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising:

displaying current bid and offer data associated with the item, wherein receiving the offer command comprises receiving a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data displayed.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently amended) The method of claim 31, wherein the current bid and offer data comprises an offer price for the item, wherein receiving a selection of a price of the bid and offer data comprises receiving a selection of the offer command is received when the trader selects the offer price for the item.

34. (Previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the current bid and offer data is displayed in a screen display selected from the group consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a web page.

35-38. (Cancelled)

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, wherein the offer to sell the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the bid is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the offer.

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising automatically displaying an interface screen in response to receiving of the offer command, the interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying a term of the bid to buy the item, the at least one field populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated for the bid automatically.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, further comprising automatically repositioning a pointing device pointer to be positioned over a button in an interface screen corresponding to the offer command.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 41, wherein the pointing device pointer is repositioned over an offer button in the interface screen.

43. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
displaying current bid and offer data in a first interface screen;
receiving an offer command from a trader to sell ~~a first size of~~ an item
via ~~[[a]]~~ the first interface screen with a selection of a piece of the bid and offer data
displayed;
generating automatically at least one of a price and a size for a bid to
buy the item based on at least one of a price and a size for an offer to sell the item and
a pre-set spread amount; and
presenting a second interface screen comprising at least one field for
specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item populated with the selected
piece of the bid and offer data and at least one field for specifying at least one term of
the bid to buy the item populated with the at least one of a price and a size generated
for the bid automatically.

44-45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[44]]~~ 43, wherein the
current bid and offer data comprises ~~an offer bid~~ price for the item, wherein receiving
a selection of a price of the bid and offer data comprises receiving a selection of the
offer ~~the offer command is received when the trader selects the bid price for the item.~~

47. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[44]]~~ 43, wherein the first
trading command entry interface is a screen display selected from the group
consisting of a market cell, a spread sheet, a data window, an entry window, and a
web page.

48-51. (Cancelled)

52. (Previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein the offer to sell the item specifies a price and wherein the price for the bid is generated automatically based at least on the price specified with the offer.

53. (Cancelled)

54. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[53]] 43, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the selected offer price.

55-105. (Cancelled)

106. (Currently amended) The method of claim 4, comprising displaying an interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item and at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item.

107. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with the selected bid price.

108. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying the at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the at least one of a price and a size of the item generated for the offer automatically.

109. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item with a price a predetermined amount better than the selected bid price.

110. (Previously presented) The method of claim 106, the interface screen comprising at least one price up button and at least one price down button for adjusting terms of at least one of the bid and the offer.

111. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, the bid to buy the item and the offer to sell the item submitted simultaneously.

112. (Currently amended) The method of claim 33, comprising displaying an interface screen comprising at least one field for specifying at least one term for the bid to buy the item and at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item.

113. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with the selected offer price.

114. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying the at least one term for the bid to buy the item with the at least one of a price and a size of the item generated for the bid automatically.

115. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, comprising populating the at least one field for specifying at least one term for the offer to sell the item with a price a predetermined amount better than the selected offer price.

116. (Previously presented) The method of claim 112, the interface screen comprising at least one price up button and at least one price down button for adjusting terms of at least one of the bid and the offer.

117. (Previously presented) The method of claim 30, the bid to buy the item and the offer to sell the item submitted simultaneously.